

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 21 and 25 are amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to; Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19-24, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as anticipated by King et al; Claims 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over King et al; and Claims 5, 10, 18 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over King et al in view of Cohen et al.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of an interview extended to Applicant's representatives on May 29, 2003. During the discussion, the difference between this present invention and the applied art were discussed. No agreement was reached pending the Examiner's further review when a response is filed. Arguments discussed during the interview are reiterated below.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claim 15 has been amended in light of the comments noted in the outstanding Office Action and as shown in the marked up version of the claim. It is believed no new matter has been amended. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19-24, 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by King et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 1 is directed to a method for production, revision and hierarchical organization of electronic documents on a computer system including generating a log file containing at least one modification to at least one of a first item description electronic

document and a first category list electronic document. The method further includes updating the log file when at least one modification is made to at least one of the first item description electronic document and the first category electronic document, and deciding whether to transfer at least one of the first item description electronic document and the first category list electronic document to a second computer based on whether the log file contains a modification for the corresponding electronic document, support for which is found in the originally filed specification at least at page 5, lines 3-14. Amended independent Claims 14 and 21 include similar features.

In a non-limiting example, Figure 7 shows that step 362 adds an entry to a log file for a revised item description file, keeping track of added, revised and deleted items since the last update event. The log file is used by the system to update local changes to the external server (see page 16, lines 12-15).

As an advantage, two identical copies of a website are maintained; one at the ISP's internet server, and one at a company's own network (see the specification at page 7, lines 20 and 21). Moreover, document contents may be stored and updated on a local network server to allow more than one computer in a local network to revise the contents of documents (see the specification at page 15, lines 24 and 25).

In contrast, King et al describes a system in which information is divided in a three-way separation for documents (see column 2, lines 49 and 50). The system of King et al only discusses automatic rendering to multiple forms of media in which an application program may perform "an automatic, server-side generation of HTML pages or other presentations" that may be done dynamically without user intervention (see column 8, lines 22-28). King et al describes that with regard to the composition of a document "the design engine automatically adjusts the composition whenever the user changes any of these dimensions," and describes that the "design engine" may be on the client side or the server side. King et al

does not teach or suggest generating a log file containing at least one modification to an electronic document and deciding whether to transfer the electronic document to a second computer based on whether the log file contains a modification for the corresponding electronic document, as in the independent claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 14 and 21 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

Claims 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over King et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 13 and 15 depend from Claims 1 and 14, respectively, which as discussed are believed to patentably distinguish over King et al. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 13 and 15 are also allowable.

Claims 5, 10, 18 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over King et al in view of Cohen et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 5 and 10 depend from Claim 1, Claim 18 depends from Claim 14, and Claim 25 depends from Claim 21, which as discussed are believed to be allowable. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Cohen et al also does not teach or suggest the features of the independent claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted Claims 5, 10, 18 and 25 and each of the claims depending there from are allowable.


In addition, Claims 1, 5, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 21 and 25 have been amended to correct minor cosmetic informalities and to better conform with U.S. patent practice. It is believed no new matter has been added.

Further, replacement drawings are submitted in light of the comments noted in the outstanding Office Action and in the Notice of Draftsperson's Review. It is believed no new matter has been added.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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